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1. SUMMARY. IN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE YOUNG GAULLIST ORGANIZATION, JOBERT TOUCHED ON SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON, GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THE PALESTINIANS, THE UN CONFERENCE ON RAW MATERIALS, THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, HIS CONCEPTION OF EUROPE AND HIS POLITICAL FUTURE. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN JOBERT ADDRESSED A MEETING OF THE YOUNG GAULLIST ORGANIZATION (UJP) THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 25. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HIS REMARKS WERE IN TURN SOMETIMES PLAYFUL, AT OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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TIMES SARCASTIC OR MOCKING AND SIMILAR TO TONE OF REMARKS RE-

PORTED IN REFTEL. AMONG MORE CHOICE QUOTES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

3. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON -- JOBERT SAID, "I THINK HE TRAVELS A GREAT DEAL. I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT HE WILL VISIT LONDON, AND THAT EMBARRASSES EVERYONE, ABOVE ALL HIS FRIENDS. I THINK THAT HE WILL GO NEXT TO CAIRO OR TO TEL AVIV. I HOPE THAT HE WILL HAVE THE GOOD IDEA TO INFORM US OF HIS CONVERSATIONS. AFTER ALL WE TOO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM."

4. GENEVA CONFERENCE -- "THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SAT LONG ENOUGH FOR SOME PHOTOGRAPHS. IT WILL RE-OPEN, PERHAPS WITH TIME FOR SOME PHOTOGRAPHS. BUT YOU HAVE TO BRING A LITTLE MORE TO THIS INN IF YOU WANT TO DINE QUIETLY THERE. FRANCE COULD BE PRESENT. ONE COULD EVEN INVITE IT, AFTER HAVING CLOSED THE DOOR IN ITS FACE. BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO PLAY A COMPLIANT ROLE."

5. THE MEDITERRANEAN -- JOBERT SAID THAT THE MEDITERRANEAN BELONGS TO THOSE COUNTRIES THAT BORDER ON IT. SOME NATIONS HAVE ESTABLISHED A PRESENCE THERE BY FORCE, OR ELSE AS DESIRED BY SOME OF THE MEDITERRANEAN STATES. JOBERT SAID THAT HE DOESN'T SEE HOW THE DEPARTURE OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN SHIPS CAN BE OBTAINED WHILE THERE IS NO UNANIMITY AMONG THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES THAT THEY LEAVE.

6. THE PALESTINIANS -- JOBERT SAID "FOR A LONG TIME WE HAVE AFFIRMED OUR POSITION... WE THINK THAT IT NECESSARY THAT THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A FUTURE. OTHERWISE A RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EASTERN PROBLEM WILL NOT COME ABOUT.

7. UNGA AND RAW MATERIALS -- JOBERT SAID THAT THE ALGERIAN PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A SESSION OF THE UNGA TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS COMPLEMENTS THE FRENCH PROPOSAL TO SUMMON A WORLD CONFERENCE ON ENERGY. HE CONTINUED, "WE ARE ENGAGED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE ALGERIANS TO MOVE THESE IDEAS FORWARD."

8. WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ON ENERGY -- JOBERT ASKED "IS THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE IN A POSITION TO HAVE INFLUENCE ON THE PROBLEM OF THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM? DOESN'T EVERYTHING TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE? WHEN THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM RISES OR FALLS IT'S NOT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE THAT CAN

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HINDER THIS. THAT DEPENDS ON THE MARKET, INDUSTRIALIZATION, EXPANSION, THE VIGOROUS ACTIVITIES OF FRANCE, ETC., AND ALSO ON THE WILL OF THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO UTILIZE THIS PRODUCT AS THEY WISH, ON CERTAIN PROBLEMS OF LIBERTY AND OF INDEPENDENT DECISIONS. ACCORDING TO JOBERT, WASHINGTON CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CONSIDERATIONS. JOBERT REPEATED HIS CONCLUSION THAT THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE WAS AN ATTEMPT BY THE UNITED STATES TO RESUME THE DIRECTION OF OPERATIONS IN ATLANTIC AFFAIRS. REGARDING

HIS EUROPEAN PARTNERS, JOBERT ADDED, "TODAY (FEBRUARY 25) THE
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